25 June 1956

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with Mr. Godel, Department of Defense
re Mr. John Drew

1. At approximately 2:45 P.M. on 25 June 1956, Bill
Godel called the undersigned and asked if I knew of any
particular reason why the Director would be unable to
attend the luncheon on 28 June to be given by Deputy Sec-
retary of Defense Reuben Robertson in honor of John Drew,
a representative of the British War Office who is
visiting the U. S. at the invitation of the Department of
Defense.

2. I replied that the reason the Director could not
attend this luncheon was due to the fact that he had a
previous engagement which he could not cancel. Mr. Godel
said this was most unfortunate since one of the first
questions Mr. Drew had asked upon his arrival was, How are
you (Defense) getting along with the Central Intelligence
Agency in forward planning activities? -- and therefore
if the Director could not attend the luncheon, he was
afraid that Drew would feel that all was not "sweetness
and light" between Defense and ourselves on this subject.
He then asked if the Director could not join the group
for at least a drink before the luncheon and then proceed on
to his other appointment. I advised Godel that the Director's
commitment on that day involved another luncheon and it would
be impossible due to this.

3. He then asked if the Director was planning to
attend General Erskine's cocktail party for Drew on
30 June 1956 and I advised him that the Director had not
discussed this with me. Godel then commented that he
certainly hoped the Director would show up at this latter
function since if he did not, Drew would most assuredly
think "something was wrong."

4. The Director was advised of the above this date.

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